

**REMARKS**

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 9, 15, and 22 on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 9, 19, and 25 of copending US patent application 10/676,621. Applicants present a terminal disclaimer to waive any period of patent protection extending beyond the double patenting reference. The terminal disclaimer is believed to overcome the rejection.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-25 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kramer (US patent 6327574). Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite a method of accessing real property information for display on a website comprising the steps of storing real property information from a portfolio of real properties on a central database organized under a plurality of information categories, including a general purpose category, infrastructure category, business category, accounting category, and maintenance category, wherein each item of real property information is stored in only one of the plurality of information categories, selecting real property information for display, retrieving the selected real property information from multiple information categories on the central database, combining the selected real property information from the multiple information categories to provide a composite view of the real property, and displaying the selected real property information on the website.

The Kramer reference is notably different than the present invention. Kramer is directed to a system and method of creating and maintaining models of consumers based on data received from consumer transactions. The data is made available to run various modeling programs to predict consumer behavior. Applicant

acknowledges that both systems (Kramer and the present invention) store data and then make use of that data. Yet, there remain significant differences between the prior art and the present invention.

First of all, Kramer does not address real property applications. Claim 1 expressly recites "storing real property information...", which has been defined to mean real property (land and structures) as well as information related to the real property, e.g. infrastructure data, business data, accounting data, and maintenance data. Kramer's system is directed toward consumer transactions and modeling, which is inherently a different type of data and must be processed in a different manner than real property. Applicant maintains that Kramer does not teach or suggest the collection and processing of real property information. There is no reason for Kramer to do so because real property information and management has no relation to the consumer modeling system.

Next, the Kramer reference does not teach or suggest the step of storing real property information from a portfolio of real properties on a central database organized under a plurality of information categories. No data record in the Kramer reference has the combination of a general purpose category, infrastructure category, business category, accounting category, and maintenance category, as recited in claim 1. Moreover, Kramer makes no mention that each item of real property information is stored in only one of the plurality of information categories.

The Kramer reference does not disclose the step of retrieving the selected real property information from multiple information categories on the central database. Applicant has

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found no reference in Kramer to retrieving information from multiple unique information categories, i.e., each item of real property information being stored in only one of the plurality of information categories.

Finally, the Kramer reference does not combine the selected real property information from the multiple information categories to provide a composite view of the real property. Again, Kramer has nothing to do with real property. Applicant maintains that Kramer does not combine information from multiple information categories to produce a composite view of the real property. There is no such feature.

Accordingly, claim 1 is believed to patentably distinguish over the Kramer reference. Claims 2-4 are believed to be in condition for allowance as each is dependent from an allowable base claim. Claims 5-8 have been cancelled.

As for claim 9, the claim is amended to recite a method of using a central database to manage real property comprising the steps of organizing real property information under a plurality of information categories, wherein each item of real property information is stored in one of the plurality of information categories, each information category defining an aspect of the management of the real property including a general purpose category, infrastructure category, business category, accounting category, and maintenance category, retrieving real property information from at least one of the plurality of information categories on the central database, displaying the real property information on a website for a first user, wherein the first user edits the real property information, and saving edited real property information back in the central database.

As discussed above, Kramer does not address real property applications. Applicant maintains that Kramer does not teach or suggest the collection and processing of real property information.

The Kramer reference does not teach or suggest the step of organizing real property information under a plurality of information categories, wherein each item of real property information is stored in one of the plurality of information categories. Each of these information categories defines an aspect of the management of the real property, including a general purpose category, infrastructure category, business category, accounting category, and maintenance category. Kramer does not disclose these information categories.

The Kramer reference does not disclose the step of retrieving real property information from at least one of the plurality of information categories on the central database. Again, Kramer does not deal with real property information and does not maintain multiple information categories related to real property on a central database. There is simply no teaching in Kramer to perform this step.

Kramer does not display the real property information on a website, allow a first user to edit the real property information, and then save edited real property information back to the central database. In the context of the above arguments, Applicant maintains that the Kramer reference does not perform this step.

Accordingly, claim 9 is believed to patentably distinguish over the Kramer reference. Claims 10-14 are believed to be in condition for allowance as each is dependent from an allowable base claim.

As for claim 15, the claim is amended to recite a method of managing real property comprising the steps of storing real property information from a portfolio of real properties on a central database organized under a plurality of information categories, wherein each item of real property information is stored in one of the plurality of information categories, each information category defining an aspect of the management of the real property, providing a website, retrieving the real property information from first and second information categories on the central database, combining the selected real property information from the multiple information categories to provide a composite view of the real property, and displaying the real property information from the central database on the website.

As discussed above, Kramer does not address real property applications. Applicant maintains that Kramer does not teach or suggest the collection and processing of real property information.

The Kramer reference does not teach or suggest the step of storing real property information from a portfolio of real properties on a central database organized under a plurality of information categories, wherein each item of real property information is stored in one of the plurality of information categories. As discussed in the specification, in one embodiment, the plurality of information categories includes a general purpose category, infrastructure category, business category, accounting category, and maintenance category. Each of these information categories defines an aspect of the management of the real property. Kramer has no such feature.

The Kramer reference also does not teach or suggest the steps of retrieving the real property information from first and

second information categories on the central database and combining the selected real property information from the multiple information categories to provide a composite view of the real property. Kramer makes no attempt to retrieve information from multiple information categories and then combine that information to produce a composite view of the real property. Applicant can find no such capability in the Kramer reference.

Accordingly, claim 15 is believed to patentably distinguish over the Kramer reference. Claims 16-21 are believed to be in condition for allowance as each is dependent from an allowable base claim.

As for claim 22, the claim is amended to recite a computer system for managing real property comprising means for storing real property information from a portfolio of real properties on a central database organized under a plurality of information categories, wherein each item of real property information is stored in one of the plurality of information categories, each information category defining an aspect of the management of the real property, means for providing a website, means for retrieving the real property information from first and second information categories on the central database, means for combining the selected real property information from the multiple information categories to provide a composite view of the real property, and means for displaying the real property information from the central database on the website.

As discussed above, Kramer does not address real property applications. Applicant maintains that Kramer does not teach or suggest the collection and processing of real property information.

The Kramer reference does not teach or suggest means for storing real property information from a portfolio of real properties on a central database organized under a plurality of information categories, wherein each item of real property information is stored in one of the plurality of information categories. As discussed in the specification, in one embodiment, the plurality of information categories includes a general purpose category, infrastructure category, business category, accounting category, and maintenance category. Each of these information categories defines an aspect of the management of the real property. Kramer has no such feature.

The Kramer reference also does not teach or suggest means for retrieving the real property information from first and second information categories on the central database and means for combining the selected real property information from the multiple information categories to provide a composite view of the real property. Kramer makes no attempt to retrieve information from multiple information categories and then combine that information to produce a composite view of the real property. Applicant can find no such capability in the Kramer reference.

Accordingly, claim 22 is believed to patentably distinguish over the Kramer reference. Claims 23-25 are believed to be in condition for allowance as each is dependent from an allowable base claim.

Applicant has added new claims 26-27 to further define the plurality of information categories for the real property information.

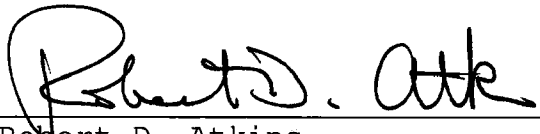
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Applicant believes that all information and requirements for the application have been provided to the USPTO. If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to further the prosecution of the Application, Applicant(s) invite the Examiner to call the undersigned attorney at the Examiner's convenience.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due with this Response to U.S. PTO Account No. 17-0055.

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